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## House Majority Leader Makes Statement on Today's Passing of the Court Rule Adoption Bills

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – Florida House Majority Leader Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R-Miami) today issued the following statement regarding the Civil Justice Subcommittee's passing of the two Proposed Committee Bills (PCBs) on court rule adoption (PCB CVJS 11-01 and PCB CVJS 11-02).

"Today the House Civil Justice Subcommittee took the first step to restore the checks-and-balances intended by our founding fathers to the court rule adoption process.

"It is the Legislature's responsibility to write the laws and the courts' job to interpret the law. Florida courts are currently writing not only procedural rules, but also rules that impact or create substantive law. Those same courts then decide whether their own rules trump legislative enactments. There is no check if those *interpreting* a law have also *written* the laws.

"I look forward to seeing these bills that make the court rule adoption process more open and transparent make their way through the legislative process."

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